

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29 & 30, 2022

## Sola Gratia

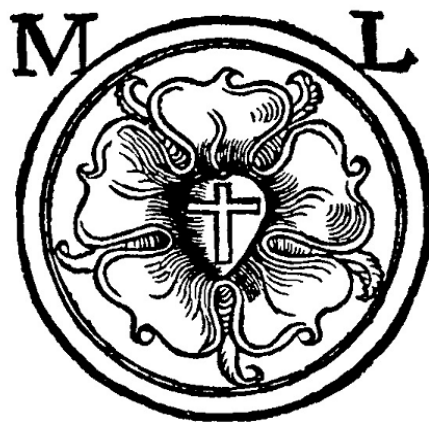
Grace Alone

## Sola Fide

Faith Alone

## Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone



Music of Preparation,

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: ***“Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education.”***

**Welcome:** Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship as we gather in the name of our Savior and as his body united in love. Amen.

**Devotions & Publications** are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

### ..... WORSHIP NOTES .....

#### ***The Lord's Supper - A Reverent Sacrament***

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, “Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord’s cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord’s body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks.” In view of the serious nature of the Lord’s Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord’s Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.

**NOTE:** If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, the four (4) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

**To Our Visitors...**Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don’t be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available at the back of the church and on the information wall in the main (west) entryway at the school..

**AS WE GATHER** – *It is easy to underestimate the darkness of that time prior to the Reformation. It is just as easy to underestimate the darkness in our own day. Today, we do not simply recall an event but the work of God calling His Church to the eternal Gospel. We proclaim that justification by grace through faith is not some Lutheran quirk but is the message of Christ, affirmed by Paul and kept in trust by the Church down through the centuries as our greatest treasure. Just as the world long ago needed to hear the Church proclaim in an unwavering voice Jesus Christ and His payment for our sin, so does our world long for the true freedom bestowed by grace and grasped by faith.*

***Before worship prayer***

*O Lord God, Heavenly Father, You gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification. By Your Holy Spirit grant us newness of life that through the power of Christ's resurrection we may dwell with Him forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

**8:30am - Special Music: "A Mighty Fortress"** Marilyn Bottorff & Nadine Engel

***We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!***

**+ PREPARATION +  
Sola Gratia - Grace Alone**

**Opening Hymn: "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"** LSB, hymn #790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** The Word of God announces both His punishment and His pardon, His judgment and His grace. The Law of God, summarized in the Ten Commandments, reminds us of our continual need for the Lord's forgiveness. As we gather for worship, let us first pray to the Lord, confessing our sins to Him and calling upon Him to have mercy upon us.  
With humble hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Heavenly Father, Your Word of truth confronts us in our sin. It convicts us of the bad things we have thought, said, and done, and of the good things we have failed to think, say, and do. Forgive our sins against You and our sins against one another. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. By the power of His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave, reunite our lives to Your life. Equip us by Your Holy Spirit to love and to serve others as You have first loved and served us. Amen.**

**P:** Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Rejoice in His Good News today! God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In the name of Jesus and by His authority I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins. Live in the freedom of your Holy Baptism in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN!**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**This is the Feast (Divine Service 1, page 155)(Sung)**      *Rev. 5:12-13, 19:5-9*

**C:        This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are  
his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray . . . Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**  
*(Please be Seated)*

### **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + Sola Scriptura - Scripture Alone**

**First Reading:** Revelation 14:6-7      *(Gospel Proclaimed Everywhere)*

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth - to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

### **Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

*(Righteous Through Faith)*

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished - he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

### Stand

**Alleluia and Verse - Common - (Divine Service 1, page 156-157)**      *John 6:68*

**C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of  
eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** John 8:31-36

*(Jesus' Truth Sets You Free)*

Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham, and have never been in bondage to any one. How is it that you say, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not continue in the house for ever; the son continues for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon Hymn: “By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB, hymn #566

By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace - grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation’s furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father’s heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying;  
In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart’s condition,  
I also know my Savior’s voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

## Sermon: “Delicate Grace”

Romans 3:23-24

### Stand

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*(Based on Dr. Martin Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed.)*

- P: Let us confess our faith and seek God's blessings in prayer. What does the First Article of the Apostles' Creed mean?
- C: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

*(Please be Seated)*

### **Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

**8:30am - Special Music: “Soli Deo Gloria”**

*Katrina Drinnon, Solo*

### **OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards**

*LSB, Hymn # 955*

- C: **(Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Lord, You are our refuge and strength. Defend Your Church from the attacks and accusations of the devil. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His Word.  
Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord, since the fall into sin, all creation groans for restoration. Earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, and other disasters cause great fear. But You are the God of all creation. Calm our hearts and be in our midst, even when the earth gives way. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord, in this fallen world, nations rage and kingdoms totter. War, violence, and division plague the earth. But You are the Lord of hosts, and You are with us. Defend us from conflict and be our King of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**  
(*Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .*)
- P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,
- C: Hear Our Prayer.**
- P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C: Amen.**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + Sola Fide - Faith Alone**

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

## ADMONITION TO COMMUNICANTS

- P: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ; I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents his body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that he showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by his blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, his body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in his name, according to his command, and with his own words administer and receive the Testament. We pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.**

### Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God - (Divine Service 1, page 163)

John 1:29

- C: (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(Please be Seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **LSB628 - Your Table I Approach**

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

### **LSB850 - God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

### **LSB643 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. . . . O God, our refuge and our strength, You raised up Your servant Martin Luther to reform and renew Your Church in the light of Your living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Defend and purify the Church in our own day, and grant that we may boldly proclaim Christ's faithfulness unto death and His vindicating resurrection, which You made known to those in every age who have renewed Your Church by recalling us to this eternal Gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.*Numbers 6:24-26*  
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** *LSB, hymn #656*

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev’ry need That hath us now o’ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there’s none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow’r us.  
This world’s prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He’s judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He’s by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone, Our vict’ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

**After worship prayer**  
*Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us, to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.*

*Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after the service.*

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Chris’ dad, Williams Curtis, by Chris & Lori, Connor & Zachary Curtis; also in loving memory of Mr. Les Jennings.

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# SERVICE OF HOPE & COMFORT

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Christmas . . . It's the most wonderful time of the year!*

*For many it is. For some, Christmas may be a very difficult time of the year - difficult because of the loss of a loved one through death, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage.*

*It is difficult enough trying to go on with life, let alone trying to celebrate the Christmas holiday, especially when your heart aches because of the empty chair at the table, because a long-familiar voice is now still, because your body seems to revolt against you because of disease, because the depression is too much to bear, or because loneliness surrounds you even in a crowd.*

*It is at such times that we not only need to take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern, but we also need healing, comfort, and hope as only God can give. He wants us to know that we are not alone nor are we without hope.*

*For these reasons, you are invited on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. to come and hear God's Word, to meditate, and to join in singing hymns and carols of comfort and in praying for healing and hope. This service will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Kankakee (348 East Merchant Street). If you have questions or need directions, please call the church office at 932-0312.*

*Please accept this invitation to be with us - a time to move from feeling low and alone to knowing the wonder and hope of Christmas.*

*There is no need to RSVP - our doors are open to all who come. Please feel free to invite others to come with you as your support or, if you know of others who are having a difficult time at Christmas, please let them know that they are most welcome.*

*In the service of Christ and His people,  
Pastor Karl Koeppen*

## "Martin Luther's Seal" or "The Luther Rose"

While he was a professor at Wittenberg University, Martin Luther designed this seal which he declared was meant to be "expressive of his theology."

The following letter was written to his friend, Herr Spangler, town clerk in Nuremberg, Germany.

July 8, 1530

*Grace and peace in Christ!*

*Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend!*

*Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology.*

*There is first to be a cross, black, and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color (red), to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. For if one believes from the heart, he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature ... that is, the cross does not kill, but keeps man alive. For the just shall live by faith, by faith in the Savior.*

*Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In a word, it places the believer into a white joyful rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives. Therefore, the rose is to be white, not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all angels.*

*This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy. It is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest.*

*And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.*

*May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen.*

*(From Luther's Works, American Edition, Volume 49, pp. 356 - 359)*

*Luther's seal is not used as an official symbol of The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. It is, however, incorporated into the Synod's official seal to show our acceptance of Luther's doctrines. The seal is used by Lutherans worldwide.*

